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*Campanula laciniata* L. - Astypalea, Dodecanese (Aegean Sea)

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***Campanula laciniata* L. (Campanulaceae)** - Perennial with a thick woody base. Stem stout, erect (10-60 cm). Basal leaves several, spatulate to oblanceolate, lacinate or deeply crenate, puberulent or subglabrous. Cauline ones ovate, slightly lacinate or dentate, sessile or subsessile. Flowers in a short, dense, cylindrical raceme. Calyx teeth triangular, much shorter than corolla tube. Corolla broadly campanulate, open, 40-50 mm wide at apex, sky-blue, often with whitish centre. Lobes broadly triangular. Style exserted. *Campanula laciniata* is an Aegean endemic present in the two floristic regions Kik (Cyclades) and KK (Crete and Karpathos). Until now its presence has been reported for Crete, Karpathos, Astypalea, Amorgos, Anafi, Folegandros, Sikinos and Sifnos. It's considered Rare (R) according to the Red Data Book of Rare and Threatened Plants of Greece (1995) with a restricted range. *Campanula laciniata* is a chasmophytic plant very impressive, that grows in scattered, small populations, with one to a few individuals, on inaccessible calcareous vertical cliffs. Calcareous cliffs, especially inside gorges, offer a stable and specialized habitat for chasmophytic plants. Cliff ravines and crevices through microclimatic conditions, have constituted suitable sites for survival of these species affected from unfavorable climatic changes, grazing pressure and competition with other species.

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